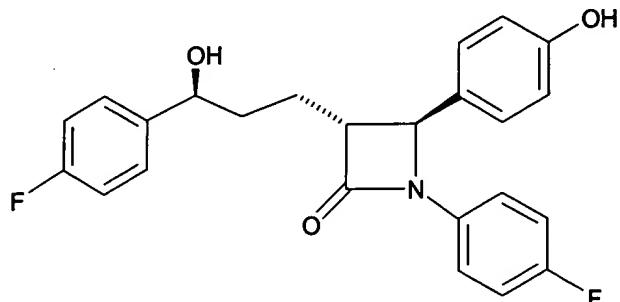


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10. A compound comprising 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3(R)-[3(S)-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxypropyl]-4(S)-4-(hydroxyphenyl)-2-azetidinone.

11. A compound represented by the formula:



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12. A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment or prevention of atherosclerosis, or for the reduction of plasma cholesterol levels, comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claims 10 or 11 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

13. A method of treating or preventing atherosclerosis or reducing plasma cholesterol levels comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claims 10 or 11.

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